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Hey David,

CNBC.com is working on an article that explains how the EPA handles crises like the Gold King Mine spill. We're also interested in hearing how EPA funds the cleanup process in situations like these where the blame can only be placed on the EPA and not some other organization that would typically be expected to pay for the cleanup.

I guess it boils down to this simple question: does EPA fund the entire cleanup or are more of the costs of the cleanup placed on the Colorado's shoulders? I know they've set aside \$500,000 to assist in the cleanup effort, but that didn't sound to me like it'd cover the whole cleanup operation. Will EPA have to request a money appropriation from Congress to cover this in the future? Or is this more of a Superfund kind of situation where the EPA is the responsible party and therefore must pay? Just how much of the cleanup can EPA really do all on its own?

Thanks for any information you may have for us. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Best,

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